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OUR COVER PICTURE . . .

Left to right: Mr. Thomas Warren, Assistant Scout Executive; Mr. H. F. Puckhaber; Mrs. H. F. Puckhaber; Dr. Paul M. Kinsport, Pastor; Life Scout Fred Puckhaber; Mr. J. Rucker Newberry; Scout Executive Carolina Council.
Dr. Kinport writes as follows:

"On Sunday, April 27, 1947, at the morning service in St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Charleston, South Carolina, Life Scout Fred Puckhaber of the Scout Troop under the sponsorship of the Brotherhood received the Pro Deo et Patria Medal and Citation.

"Fred Puckhaber has attained the rank of Life Scout and is associated with the staff of the Sostal Carolina Council in a number of activities.

"Fred is active in his Church in the various types of young people's work. His service record in the Church has exceeded the one hundred and fifty hours required for the medal. A senior in high school and giving prayful consideration to a call to the ministry of the Church, he is the first Lutheran boy of the Coastal Carolina Council to receive this medal.

"The Scout Executive and his assistant recognized this presentation as of such importance that they consented to assist in the presentation.

"This presentation of the award and citation has stimulated a large interest among the Boy Scouts of our Lutheran Churches here in Charleston toward the obtaining of the medal."

Courtesy

How sweet and gracious, even in common speech,
Is that fine sense which men call Courtesy!
Wholesome as air and genial as light.
Welcome in every clime as breath of flowers,
It transmutes aliens into trusting friends,

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Time marches on!

As a young lad I recall the centennial of Hartwick, held in June, 1897. General Sternberg, then surgeon general of the U. S. Army and an alumnus gave one of the addresses and Rev. Dr. George Enders, then pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, York, Pa., also an alumnus, gave the other. I recall a band playing and being much more thrilled with that than with the lang-winded oratory. On Monday, June 9th, it was my turn, fifty years later, to furnish the latter. It was also my privilege to receive the degree of L.L.D. Since my parents served Hartwick for over fifty years the invitation from President Arnold was the more deeply appreciated. John Christopher Hartwick has been too largely neglected by American Lutheran historians. He was the friend and confident of Muhlenberg. For fifty-one years he shepherded the Palatines in New York state. He was one of the founders of the Pennsylvania Ministerium, the first American Lutheran synod. He made at least two journeys to my former parish, Frederick, Maryland. On the first in 1762 he dedicated the first stone church, still standing and in daily use. A few years later he spent eight months as supply pastor. He secured a large grant of land in Otsego County, N.Y. and left it for the founding of the Hartwick institutions. He misplaced his confidence in the choice of executors, or Hartwick would have been one of the most richly endowed schools in America. His influence goes on in the lives of those educated in Academy and Seminary and will continue in the work of Hartwick College, into which the other two departments are now merged.

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New Bride: "Where is the paper plate I gave you under your pie?"
Groom: "Was that a plate? I thought it was the lower crust."
—Watchword.

The Editor's Personal Paragraphs

President Zeb Trexler
is now a full time secretary of the Layman's Movement. He has resigned his office as Public Relations Secretary of Lenoir Rhyne College, effective July 31st and will take up his new work immediately. Congratulations to all concerned! It promises added strength to the program Dr. Stoughton is so vigorously pressing through the Layman's Movement. It offers a most helpful tie-up between the two men's organizations of our church. It utalizes even more fully the fine spirit and talents of our general president. Certainly the appointment is providential.

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We congratulated a lady on her silver wedding anniversary for living twenty-five years with the same man.
"But he is not the same man he was when I first got hold of him," she replied. The Presbyterian Magazine, in Christian Observer.

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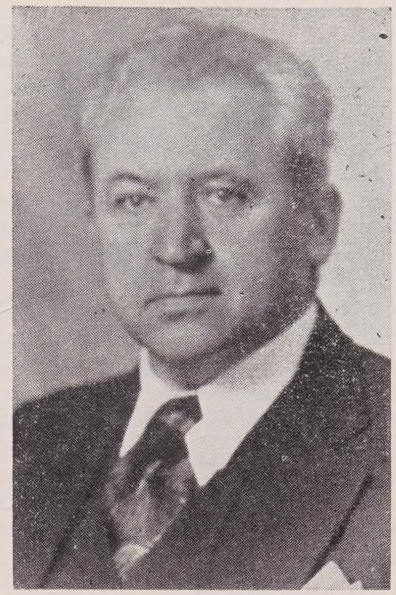
L. C. Smith
of First Lutheran Church, Albany, N. Y. has long been a leading layman of the New York Lutheranism. When I began my ministry in Gilead Lutheran Church, Troy, N. Y. in 1912 I first learned to know "L. C." Whenever Lutherans got together, he was there and a lay leader. Those who attend the ULCA conventions have learned to know him and to trust his judgment. He is active in the Layman's Movement and Brotherhood and has time for inter-church activities as well. He was recently reelected president of the Interchurch Fellowship of Albany.



Dr. Julius Igor Bella

Dr. Bella will represent the American section of the Lutheran World Federation in Austria and Czechoslovakia.
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Dr. Paul Strodach
contributed far more to the progress of the ULCA than most of us ever took time to consider. His keen literary judgement had much to do with the high standard of publications produced by Lutheran Publication House. He made no compromise with mediocrity. His own pen was facile and on our shelves are many books that he wrote or edited. The annual Lenten series of sermons has become a "must" addition to the libraries of our pastors. Particularly in the field of liturgics did Dr. Stodach's word carry weight. His "Manual of Worship" recently issued in revised edition, is a classic. It has answered many a question of good Lutheran practice for our pastors. His knowledge of church architecture has been of great aid to many congregations as they faced building programs. Personally he was mighty good company, frank in his opinions, often unyielding, but always fair. He was big enough to respect differing views. In fact, he welcomed them. His death removes one who has been a constructive influence for conservative Lutheranism in the ULCA.

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Minor Operation: One performed on the other woman.—Grit. In World Call.

Dr. Ralph D. Heim,
Professor at Gettysburg Seminary, is the author of "A Harmony of the Gospels," the first to be based upon the new Revised Standard Version. Since it has come to our desk it has become another indispensable reference book. It displaces the Stevens and Burton Harmony that we have used constantly since seminary days. It makes conservative use of the results of textual criticism now available to New Testament scholars. Pastors, Sunday school teachers and Bible students cannot afford to be without this new Harmony. The printing, indexing and ararngement add greatly to the usefulness of the book. Muhlenberg Press has made another scoop in the publication of this 1947 book. The price is $3.50.

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A GOOD NAME is a girdle of gold.
—French.

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A religious census
should come next year. However. the economical bent of Congress seems about to cut off the necessary funds. An initial appropriation has been made and the first statistics gathered. The same Congress that seems about to refuse a religious census at a cost of $431,000 has voted $4,000,000 for a census of manufactuuers. That puts the churches in their place so far as the thinking of our "statesmen" is concerned!

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"Many birds sing without opening their bills," says a naturalist. Maybe we'd feel more like singing if we didn't open ours. — Religious Telescope.

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Tithing
his small income of ten cents per day over a period of nearly 17 months, an inmate of Western State Penitentiary at Pittsburgh, Pa., has made a gift of $5.00 to Lutheran World Action. The contribution was sent to LWA headquarters here by the Rev. A. W. Stremel, chaplain of the Church of the Good Samaritan at Western Penitentiary, which several months ago sent $100 to LWA through the Pittsburgh Synod of the United Lutheran Church. According to Chaplain Stremel, the prison inmate asked him to suggest a worthy charity through which he could give his tithe to the Lord. The chaplain suggested several and the donor chose to send it to Lutheran World Action.

Clarence E. Kershner
New Prexy of Lebanon District, Central Penn Synod.

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The Brotherhood—His Business
Clarence F. Kershner hails from Pine Grove, Pa. and was one of the king pins in the organization of Lebanon District Brotherhood. He was first vice-president and now is its president. In nis home church, St. John's, he is treasurer of the Brotherhood. In the Synodical Brotherhood he is vice-president. He is only thirty and has a running start in Brotherhood work.

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"Why are you going to the dentist?"

"I have a tooth that's driving me to extraction."—Watchman Examiner.

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For the seventeenth consecutive season,
the Lutheran Laymen's Radio Committee will present "Sunday Vespers" through the American Broadcasting Company from the first Sunday in June to the last Sunday in September, it was announced here by Henry Beisler, president of the Laymen's Committee.

This year's officiating pastor on the popular religious radio program will be Dr. Oscar Blackwelder, pastor of the Church of the Reformation in Washington, D. C. He will be heard each Sunday except July 20 and August 31, when Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, secretary of The United Lutheran Church in America, will serve as guest speaker.

The program will originate from stations WJ in New York and WMAL in Washington and will be broadcast through the facilities of the American Broadcasting Company and its affiliated stations. It will be aired from 2:30 to 3:00 o'clock (EDST) each Sunday afternoon and correspondingly earlier in the Central, Mountain and Pacific time zones.

It is the hope of the Laymen's Committee that pastors will give wide publicity of this series of broadcasts, through church bulletins, the local newspapers and other media, if the broadcasts are included in the program of an ABC station within hearing distance. If not, the committee suggests that the nearest affiliated ABC station should be petitioned to carry it.

The Lutheran Laymen's Radio Committee indirectly sponsorse two five-minute programs, "Gems for Thought," each Wednesday morning and evening at 8:55 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. (EDST) from WJZ and the affiliated independent stations of ABC. Dr. Russell F. Auman, pastor of St. Peters Church in New York City, is the speaker and will broadcast up to and including June 25.

It is estimated by the committee that about $7,500 is required to meet exuenses for secretarial administration, music, mimeographing the sermons for free distribution and the postage thereon, clerical help, etc. Voluntary gifts are the only source of income to defray the costs of this important program. Contributions should be sent to S. Frederick Telleen, treasurer, Lutheran Laymen's Radio Committee, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

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If the divorce rate keeps increasing, part of the marriage vow will have to be changed from "I do" to "adieu." —Hy Gardner, Parade.

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A "debating society?"
"No" answers Rev. Ben Lotz as he dicusses the history of the ULCA in "The Ministerium at Work." Here is a paragraph carrying his argument:

The United Lutheran Church from its inception was to be no free Lutheran diet, or no mere debating society as many general bodies seem to be. The theologians of the three bodies had never thought of the church exclusively in terms of a one-side d congregationalism where the trees are counted, and coddled and sight is lost all together of the ecclesiastical forest! The apostle Paul, in whose tradition Lutheranism has always stood, would never have permitted any one of his congregations—either Corinth, Ephesus, or Rome—to have asserted its rights in any such selfish manner that the whole Body of Christ would suffer.

Fiorello H. LaGuardia, former mayor of N. Y.: "I can't see the right to strike against the gov't or any agency of gov't."

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The Lutheran Society of New York was founded in preparation for the Quadricentennial of the Reformation. It is a social organization to which all Lutherans belong. The following is a summary of a recent action.

An appeal to all Lutheran bodies to expand their efforts toward cooperation "which may finally lead to a Lutheran Church which is truly united," was issued by the Lutheran Society at its annual meeting here, May 12, 1947. The society, with a membership of more than 600 laymen and clergy from the major Lutheran groups, expressed the hope that "continued successful cooperation among Lutherans will lead to the solution of the problems of pulpit fellowship, Communion administration, transfer of members, and the holding of joint Lutheran services." Every Lutheran body, its officials and membership, the society urged, should "do everything in their power to enable the Lutheran Church at large to meet the challenge of our day with the greatest missionary program it has ever undertaken so that a world of rampant unbelief may receive the message of Salvation." Asserting that "the evidences of Lutheran unity are constantly increasing," the society's resolution noted that "differences in practice are disappearing among Lutherans and the trend toward a unified, sound confessionalism is growing." "All Lutheran bodies," it said, "have joined hands in providing service centers for those in the armed forces, in the spiritual care of prisoners of war, in relief work at home and abroad, in planning postwar reconstruction, and in many other ways, thereby doing more effective work without duplication of efforts or waste of funds."

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Little Betty Jane (in the country for the first time): Oh, mamma, look at the cute little green snake.

Mother (in the country for the first time): Put it down at once. It might be as dangerous as a ripe one.

—Biblical Recorder.

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Displaced persons are a world problem. The surest way to untangle it will be for Congress to provide for the admission of 400,000 "outside the national quotas." To shut our doors to these helpless people, premanently barred from any return to their own countries, is to repudiate our own history. Is America to continue to be the land of opportunity? Or, since our ancestors have gotten in, shall we slam the doors on people like them and even more needy?

I FEAR THE MAN who talks too little, as much as the man who talks too much. —C. A. Dickey.

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Rev. Fred C. Kern pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska believes in scouting. Here is an extract from his weekly church bulletin:

During the last year our Scout Troop 104, has become famous not only in our own district but throughout the state. Some say it is second to none in the nation.

In the writer's opinion the chief credit must be given to the fact that we have adopted an 100% Pro Deo et Patria standard. From the church's point of view that is the heart of scouting. Our boys have developed marvelously as young churchmen. They have learned and done things which they would never have accomplished under any other program.

Since the organization of Cubbing our religious program is extended down to boys nine years of age.

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Courting some girls is just like a football game—just when the line is going strong a little interference ruins everything! —Block's Booster.

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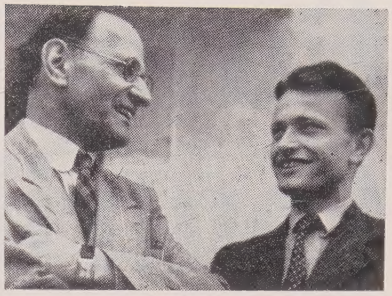
The 1947 Ashram of the Lutheran Student Association is to be held the last of August at Camp Asilomar, California. The speaker of the week, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, will address the students every morning. In the evening, the platform speakers will be Dr. Konrad Koosman, president of the California District of the American Lutheran Church; Rev. John Deschner, executive secretary of the United Student Christian Council; Dr. Paul Empie, director of Lutheran World Action; Dr. T. Z. Koo, noted Chinese Christian; and the Hon. Lutheran Youngdahl, governor of Minnesota. The camp chaplain will be Rev. Ross Hidy of Richmond, California, while Dr. John Duddy will be song-leader. The following leaders will be Bible teachers: C. P. Harry, J. P. Beasom, L. H. Steinhoff, Carl Lund-Quist, Oswald Elbert, Paul Bierstedt, Mildred Winston, Alfred Storvick, Hortense Hage Storvick, Carl Anderson, Henry Hetland, Lloyd Burke, William Larsen, William Gentz, Frederick Schenk and Rev. Mikko Juva of Finland. "Jesus Christ is Lord" is the theme of the week. It would be difficult to overestimate the importance of such a week of fellowship in which are gathered the coming leaders of American Lutheranism.



Reviving Inner Missions

After a separation of seven years, Dr. C. G. Schweitzer is reunited with his son, Dr. Wolfgang Schweizer, who joined the Sstudy Department of the World Council of Churches last fall. The elder Schweitzer arrived recently in Geneva from England, where he worked with prisoners of war. Both are German Lutherans. See editorial reporting plans for Inner Missions in Germany.

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Penicillin is a life-saver we take forgranted in America. Lutheran World Relief's shipment of 2,000 vials of penicillin and 400 syringe sets to the British zone of occupation in Germany has proved "a vary valuable contribution to our struggle to save the lives of sick in acute danger of death,' in the opinion of Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, director of Hilfswerk, relief agency of the Evangelical Church in Germany.

Pointing out that hitherto the German people have not "been benefitted by this great discovery of human science," Dr. Gerstenmaier said the penicillin "will be granted only to cases of acute danger of life, if every other treatment has failed." "Doctors and family-members came from all over the country, traveling long distances to ask personally for the precious gift, the only hope left to those in their care," he reported, in a letter to Dr. Ralph H. Long, executive director of the National Lutheran Council. "It was heartmoving to see how their hope concentrated in the chance that Christian brethren in the world would lift their sorrow and save a life for which no other hope had been left. It was certainly a great satisfaction to us that in all cases except one the result was a positive one." Dr. Gerstenmaier said the gift will be "a great blessing to the sick in the British zone and will save many lives," and "a great message of true Christianity." "They will realize that it is only worldwide Christian brotherhood to which they owe their lives," re declared. "They will understand that there are Christians at work who by their sacrifices of love are continuing the Lord's work to heal the sick where all other human help failed. "In the name of those benefitted and in the name of our churches," Dr. Gerstenmaier added, "I want to thank you wholeheartedly. I shall be grateful if you would forward our thanks to those of your churches and congregations who have contributed to it by their offerings."

Guest Contributions

Presidential Message . . .

Since my election as your President last October I have visited and participated in many of the programs of a large number of our Synodical and Conference Brotherhood Conventions. I will visit many more this year.

I find a sincere craving for information and a willingness to cooperate when informed. There is great activity in organization and a desire to strengthen our finances.

I foresee great days ahead for the Brotherhood because pastors and laymen alike are awakening to the great possibilities of organization and the need for a well financed program.

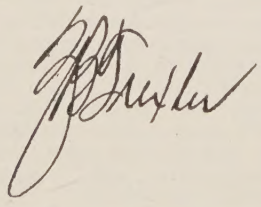
The new per capita dues plan is beginning to work. Look at these comparisons:

Dues received

1942-43	$3,435.61
1943-44	3,781.37
1944-45	3,846.14
1945-46	4,792.15
Jan. 1st-May 31st,'47	8,024.70

Our sincere gratitude goes out to all of you for making this possible. THANKS!!!

Faithfully yours,



To Farm Fathers!

By Mr. E. H. Bakken

Mr. Bakken is National Director of Rural Scouting, Boy Scouts of America. This article was prepared for "The Bond," monthly magazine of Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance.

As a farm father you **do** have **some** free-time to work and play with your boy. The Scouting program will help you to use that time to develop a strong bond of mutual understanding between yourself and your son, if you will but use it.

Three Programs

Scouting includes three distinct programs, each one designed to fill the needs and interests of a particular age.

Cub Scouting at Nine

A program of things to do in and around the home, which captures the interest of the boy, keeps him happily occupied, and leads to useful knowledge and the early development of good habits and traits of character. There is a special place for mother to share in this program.

Boy Scouting at Twelve

A character building and citizenship training program based on activity in the out-of-doors. Has a challenging system of advancement through several ranks on the basis of acquiring special knowledge, and skills. Offers Merit Badges for qaulification in all subjects, twenty-seven of which deal with farm interests.

Senior Scouting at Fifteen

At fifteen years of age, a boy is eligible to continue Scouting in the more advanced and challenging Senior programs of Air Scouting, Explorer Scouting and Sea Scouting, with emphasis on life work exploration and opportunities for developing leadership ability.

Your Boy Can Have Scouting Now!

No matter where he lives, your boy can have Scouting now. Most towns have Boy Scout Troops and many have Cub Scout Packs. If your town does, and you live near, your boy can join there. If there are enough boys in your neighborhood, a Troop or Pack can be organized there. Each requires a minimum of five boys.

If there are less than eight (but at least two) boys available for any of the programs in your neighborhood, you can very easily organize a Neighborhood Patrol, or both.

If neither of these units is available, or cannot be readily organized, your boy may join immediately as a Lone Cub Scout or as a Lone Boy Scout. You become his "Friend and Counselor" and help him carry on the program by himself. He also becomes a member of the "Tribe" set up to give him some association and activity with other Lone Scouts.

Scouting and 4-H

Scouting supplements your boy's work in 4-H of FFA. Each organizaneeds. Together they give him a more complete program than either one alone. Scouting gives him advancement credit for his 4-H project work.

The Church Is Interested

Ask your pastor about Rural and Lone Scouting in the Lutheran Church, and about the **Pro Deo et Patria** Award, or write to Secretary Bader.

LWA Helps French School to Re-open

By Dr. S. C. Michelfelder

Through the N.L.C. News Bureau we are able to offer Dr. Michelfelder's story of French Lutheranism and the LWA.

The DeGlay Institute in the Montbeliard District of France is an old school which has served for many years in training young people in a Christian environment. But in the last days of World War II, the quiet little village in which the Iinstitute is located, only a few miles from the Swiss border, was the scene of one of the worst battles of the war.

DeGlay Institute was almost completely destroyed, but now, through a gift of $40,000 from Lutheran Action, a new school has arisen out of the ruins. The LWA funds rebuilt the building and classes were begun last October. Beds and benches were obtained through Swiss benefactors. Every square inch, even the barracks ched left behind by the contractor, is being used for class rooms.

On Sunday, April 27, Mrs. Michelfelder and I, together with Dr. Stewart Herman of the Reconstruction Department of the World Council of Churches, drove over to Montbeliard. Though it was late in the afternoon when we arrived, a full schedule had been arranged for the evening.

Mr. Charles Delbruck, president of Montbeliard Synon, was waiting in front of the hotel, together with Inspector Philippe Poincenot and Mr. Jean Becker, an active French layman. We immediately drove out to the school where the 120 boys were out in the yard to greet us. A fine group of young people, ranging from

9 to 17 years of age, they come from Holland, Belgium, Morocco and all parts of France.

We were ushered into the refectory where we were served an excellent meal, cookd by an Italian chf, and served by a German Prisoner of War. And how the students did sing a French hymn to the tune of "Beautiful Saciour". I spoke to them briefly and brought them a greeting from their Lutheran friends in America. I also assured them that I would bring their greeting to you. They want me to tell you that they appreciate all that you've done for their school.

DeGlay Institute has a promising future. First of all because it is a Christian institution, and the young men and a few of the young women who will come to this school will be very fortunate in getting their education with a Christian environment. It also has a promising future because of the interest with the people of the Montbeliard District have in this place. There are only about 25,000 Lutherans in Montbeliard Synod, but they have already raised 1,800,000 francs for DeGlay Instiute alone. They are helping themselves.

Then there is another reason why the future looks encouraging when one sees the leadership—clergy and laity—which this school has. How these men and women have labored to re-estblish this school, working with their own hands, pushing wheelbarrows, planning late into the night, day after day. With such cooperation the school is bound to succeed. Some of the facilities are still quite primitive compared to our American Schools, but these students at DeGlay go to class morning, afternoon, and evening.

The first fruits of this first year's work are already evident. Ten young men who will finish this year have enlisted for the Lutheran ministry. Seventeen others have shown interest and are thinking about it. They need to expand. With the investment that the Lutheran Churches of America have made in this Institute, the Board can now borrow money to add enough rooms so that the Institute will be self-supporting, since the enrollment can be increased.

In behalf of the Montbeliard Synod, the faculty, the Board, and the students at DeGlay Institute, many thanks to the doors and friends of Lutheran World Action.

Is There Dependable Leadership for German Lutherans?

This story coming through N.L.C. News Bureau answers "Yes!"

Geneva—One of the outstanding younger leaders of the Evangelical Church in Germany is Dr. Eberhard Müller, directtor of the church lay institute at Bad Boll. Naw only 40, he was a sparkplug in the anti-Nazi confessing and is highly influentiail among German churchmen.

In the mid Twenties, Dr. Müller studied theology at Tübingen University in Germany, and from 1930 to 1940 he was on the staff of the German Student Christian Movement. He was first a traveling secretary, and he later succeeded Dr. Hanns Lilje, outstanding Lutheran of Germany, as general secrettary of this movement.

The young pastor, still in his early thirties, became sttudent pastor at Tübingen University in 1940, but this job lasted only a short time. Shortly he was conscripted into the German army.

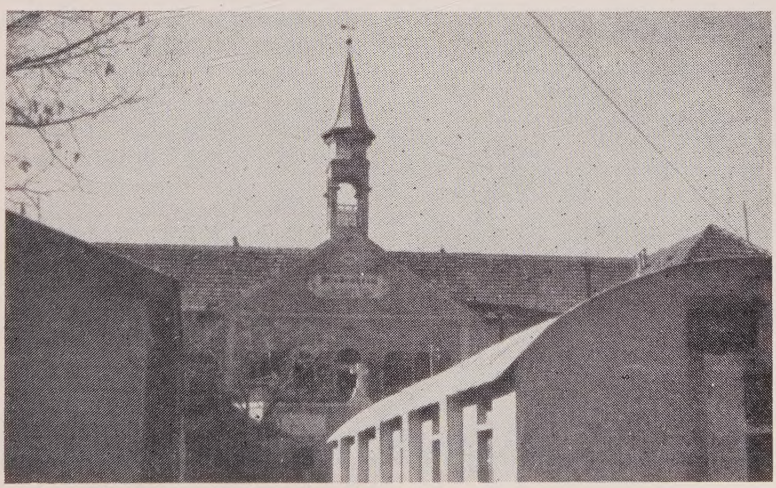
During these years there were two experiences which molded Dr. Müller as a leader in lay education work. After passing resolutions to clarify the church position in the early years of Nazism, the "confessing church" decided it must try to influence Germans in a more evangelistic way. So this wing of the Evangelical church began to hold big conferences, attended by thousands—so-called "Evangelical Weeks." Dr. Müller became the general secretary directting this work. At the same time he conducted Christian youth activity in an atmosphere which the Nazis made increasingly hostile.

The Nazis soon recognized the new conferences as a threat to their totalitarian concepts and frequently closed them down. Dr. Müller himself escaped arrest, but a number of speakers at the "weeks" were imprisoned.

The other big influence on his career has been his experiences in the German military. At first he was a private in sanitation work, but he soon became chaplain and served in this capacity for over two years on the Russian front.

In the Luftwaffe air arm, Goering prohibited Christtian influence, but Chaplain Müller succeeded in gaining the confidence of some Luftwaffe generals and brought the Christian influence to beat in spite of Goering. He spoke to a group of soldiers and made a great impression on them. Friends say that the still has a "young mind" and makes friends and inspires young people, especially of the working class.

After the war, back in Southwestern Germany again, Dr. Müller for a time did religious work among prisoners of war in a joint Protestant-Catholic effort at Stuttgart. But the ferment of his confessing church conferences and of his meetings with the soldiers in Russia was working, and he developed the idea of calling groups of laymen—doctors, teachers, farmers—to a school for short per-



Will It Remain Lutheran?

Military barracks surround the School for the Blind at the Syrian Orphanage in Jerusalem. A wing of the school building was badly damaged by bombs in a retcent attack by terrorists. Dr. Edwin Moll, representative of the American Section of the Lutheran World Federation, is negotiating with the government for a resumption of work among the blind in Jerusalem. NLC News Bureau Photo

iods. There they would study the Bible and Christianity together and determine what this meant to their daily life and their professions. Almost two years ago, he founded the Bad Boll institute to do just that.

Since then Bad Boll has had 35 lay conferences, averaging about a week each. Four thousand Germans have attended and received a glimpse of a religion which can be built in spite of the chaos Hitler left in his wake.

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"I was hungry! . . . And you . . . !"

By Dr. E. Theodore Bachmann

Dr. Bachmann is on leave from Chicago Lutheran Seminary to act as liaison in Frankfurt, Germany for the World Council of Churches. Those who know Dr. Bachmann will accept at face value his observations on conditions in Germany.

Hunger is striking in Germany as never before. The cities are worst hit. In Freiburg, chief city in the southern French Zone, the March calorie count—computed from available rations—was 874 per day. In April, when the people determined to stage a hunger protest, the occupying authorities threatened to oust the mayor and other officials. The people obeyed, swallowed their anguish and kept silent. In badly ruined Ludwigshafen impartial observers speak of the situation as catastrophic. The average daily calorie count in south Baden as a whole during March was 884. April brought no relief, nor did May.

Yesterday I stopped on the edge of Pforzheim, where 36,000 people had died in a single 24-minute air raid near the end of the war. A couple of trucks had delivered the last potatoes requisitioned from the farms. Housewives, children, old people lined up to get their six pound quota per person. It would have to last them for the week, and then some. Speaking to the man in charge, I expressed the hope that the summer crop would be good. "We can't be sure of that," he replied, "when people even now are going out into the fields at night and groping for the newly planted spuds. They'll probably help themselves to the new crop before it's ripe or the owner has a chance to harvest it." As an attendant shoveled out the rations, a woman reflected, "We're becoming slaves to our instincts to keep alive." One might have added, "even in the American Zone."

LWA in France, Too!

Leaders of the DeGlay Institute in the Montbeliard District of France. Left to right, the Rev. Rene Lovy, local pastor and president of the board of directors; Inspector Philippe Poincenot of the Montbeliard Synod; Mr. Charles Delbruck, president of the synod and ardent supporter of the Institute; Dr. Voetzel, president and director of the Institute. A gift of $40,000 from Luheran World Action enabled the Institute to reopen last fall to train young lay workers in the Lutheran Church of France.

—NCL News Bureau Photo

On April 30 the mayor of the industrial city of Essen, in behalf of the city council posted a notice on all public bill boards. "For months," ran the announcement, "the city council has pointed out the impending danger of a feeding catastrophe. Today it must be affirmed that a new low has been struck in the general food situation, and it gives rise to the most ominuos forebodings. The number of sick and tubercular is steadily rising."

The notice continued, "During the first week of the present ration period the average consumer received 1702 calories per day, in the second week only 1183, in the third week only 1126, in the fourth barely 741. In view of reported shipments of grain and flour it will not be possible for the average consumer to receive more than 1500 grams (a pound and two thirds) of bread during the coming week." Meat and fats were out of the question, and even cornmeal, rationed as a potato substitute, was out, too.

While I was in conference with the church's Hilfswerk leaders in Stuttgart today a telegram arrived from one of the church welfare directors in Bielefeld, pleading, "Food situation in British Zone, especially Ruhr cities, hopeless. Rush any available aid." The Stuttgart men had no trouble counting up their emergency resources. "Like the loaves and fishes for a multitude," said one.

Germany has over sixty five million people crowded into its three western zones of occupation. The bread basket lies to the east. Cut off from its natural food supply, western Germany will have to import. Before the war it imported only 17 per cent. Even with crops at their best, perhaps after this summer, official military government reports say it will have to import 42 per cent of the food for those ravenous millions. Meanwhile, it looks as though these people are a political pawn, victims of a struggle for power between east and west.

Nevertheless, the Church must help feed them. Christians in the U.S. dare not relax their efforts, both at food gathering for abroad and at urging our Government to remember humanity in its budget. Christ identifies himself with these hungry masses. "I was hungry . . . " And you? The time to help is drawing short.

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How Much?

A coffee service donated by King Gustav brought 2,000 Swedish crowns at an auction held in Sweden to raise funds to assist needy children in Europe. In the photo, the Rev. Gretberg is showing a coffee pot from the service to women attending the action. Swedish Lutherans are helding too!

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from British Combine

German Relief Needs Still Acute

By Rev. John Sherzer

Pastor Scherzer is Lutheran World Relief Commissioner with CRALOG in the American uone of Occupation in Germany. His story is released by N.L.C. News Bureau.

Spring seems to have definitely descended upon this land of woe. It brings out strange contrasts, and increase of revelling in the promise of new life against a background of ruins in all their tragic reality, so symbolic of the social life of the people. Since the snow has left bare once again the awful destruction which surrounds every life in the big cities, one cannot help but feel the oppression which lies heavily upon the soul of all ruin dwellers.

While spring has brought about a great change outwardly and has removed the indescribable feeling of cold, it has done nothing for people's stomachs. Hunger continues to be the real problem. The food situation is becoming more and more critical. The one-sidedness of the diet is creating real health problems. The continued absence of fat and albumen in the diet is producing a nearly universal stage of starvation. People may look very fat and healthy, but to touch their tissue is like touching a sponge.

In a conversation with the chief surgeon of a large hospital where I saw cases of undernourishment among men between 50 and 70, he told me that it is attempting the impossible to treat patients like that without an adequate diet which offers chiefly fat and albumen, because medicaments do not produce the normal results against the background of such lack of fat and albumen. He pleaded for powdered eggs, and dried blood plasma or blood plasma for injections.

The shipment of soya beans, of which I received the announcement yesterday, is a God send for this economy. We need more shipments of soya beans. I shall request Hilfswerk to make available soya bean products especially for hospitals and homes which treat children and adults in a serious stage of undernourishment. And while we are speaking of hospitals, operating-room supplies and bandages for dressings are desperately needed. This would offer a fine opportunity for our Church women to engage in a special prospect for European Relief. Most of them participated in a program sponsored by the Red Cross during the war and have had experience in fixing the various types of bandages.

The clothing situation is much relieved by the spring sunshine. There is no doubt that it eases the problem, for children especially. They are running around lustily, already barefooted. But we cannot advocate, even in the summer months a return to the habits of Adam and Eve in Paradise. By no means should anyone conclude, that all clothing problems are now solved.

There are two problems in particular which we must focus all the strength of our Relief Program. In number 1 stands the returning prisoner of war. He is the sorriest sight upon oGd's earth when he returns from the East. I have seen misery in my days, but I have never seen it in such concentrated form. We need all types of clothing to provide these men with the most necessary things: shoes, socks, underwear and suits. They are coming now in somewhat increased number. Sixty per cent of them have to pass through a hospital or a convalescent home before they can be discharged. Our Lutheran World Relief clothing has clothed at least 80% of these returning prisoners of war, and we need to keep on shipping men's clothing.

The other problem is the equipping of returning pastors for their pastoral duties. They come back with an old uniform, they can not officiate in public in such an attire. The other day, a Dr. Wendt called at my office.

Unto These Least

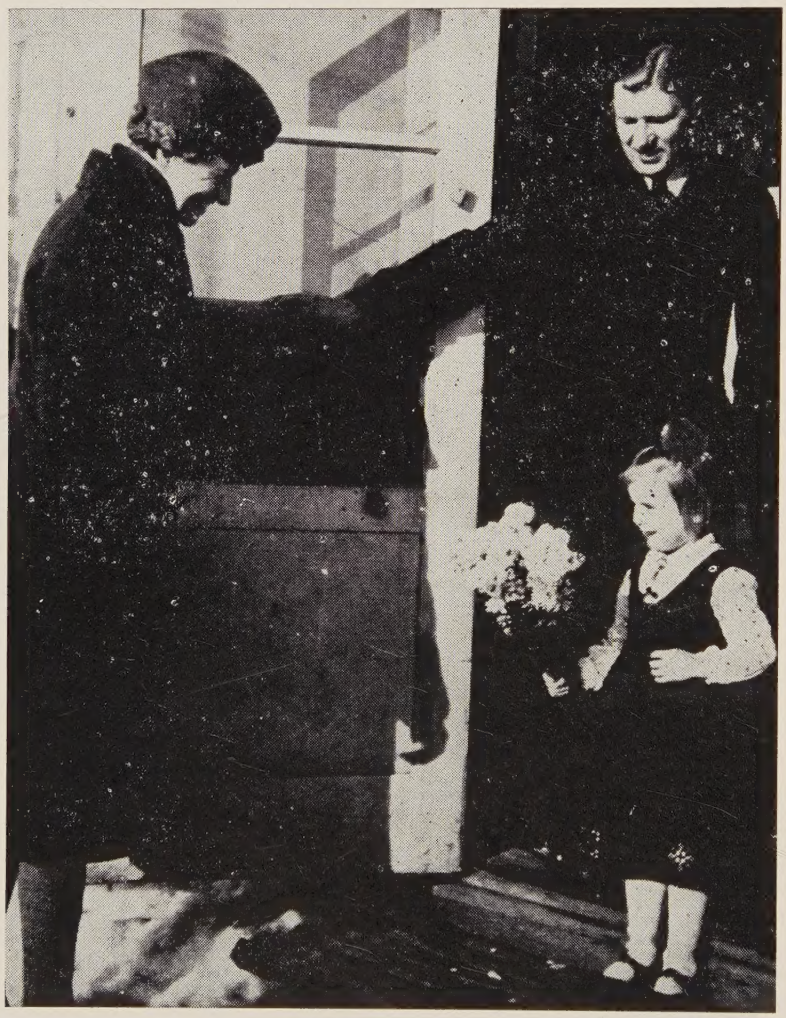
—NCL News Bureau Photo

One of the Lutheran child-feeding centers in Finland, sponsored by the American Section of the Lutheran World Federation, is pictured here. Children bring their ration cards with them the first time and contribute points for certain food items.

I knew him when he was an internee in Dachau. He was released with a group of 1800 internees. He was assigned to take over a parish in southern Bavaria which means a diaspora congregation. This is the way he was outfittted by Hilfswerk; he had a pair of shoes from America, a pair of trousers from England, a coat from Switzerland, a shirt from Italy which he had brought back as a prisoner of war, socks and underwear were not identified.

I provided him with a black tie and gave him one of the pastor's robes which you sent me. It was a little short, but it was the only one which would fit that well. In addition to that, out of the book which I had at my disposal, I gave him two volumes on the Epistle Pericopies, a two-volume dictionary of the Bible, a book on occasional sermons and a Church history. This is his library to start work with, but he was happier than a kid with a new toy. When he marched off, life to him was very hopeful and very challenging, in spite of the fact that his wife, still in the Russian zone, is wating for the permission to join him and for her mother to gain sufficient strength to accompany her.

There are cases like that by the hundreds, where we have to do an individual rehabilitation job with leaders to whom we can delegate a part of the wider responsibility. It is pastors broke down during the Easter alarming, how many of the Lutheran season, because they didn't have enough strength to carry through. I have already told you that the food parcels which I have received have come in very handy. Through these gifts, Bishop Meiser was able to make a comparative quick come-back from his pneumonia and bladder attack.



A Latvian Welcome

....Mrs. Jules Bodensieck, who is serving displaced persons in Germany as a representative of the American Section of the Lutheran World Federation, is greeted by little Meta Simsons, in Latvian costume, as she visits the D. P. camp at Herrnwyk, about six miles from Lubeck. Holding the door open is Mr. Leo Liepins, camp leader and president of the congregation. All the 412 Latvian inhabitants are members of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Bodensieck is the wife of the president of Wartburg Seminary (ALC) who is on leave for service in Germany.

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Federal Aid

for parochial schools is a live issue as the question of appropriations for education comes before the nation. The Roman Church is using every effort to secure a place for its schools under any government aid program. In the matter of transportation it has won out before our Supreme Court under present laws. It is only one step toward direct government subsidy for the entire school system of the Roman Church. It is time that our federal laws protected Protestant interests in the matter and insured the purpose of our national constitution to keep church influences out compromise in the matter. A revealing example of the trend of events is to be found in a suburb of Cincinnati where a majority of the school board is Roman Catholic. They ousted the superintendent of schools and provided for the education of children in an R. C. parochial school with nuns as teachers. It is true that the church agreed not to teach religion to non-catholics but with nuns on the public payroll and rent paid the church from public funds for school building the possibilities are alarming.

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Another Lutheran Ambassador

Dr. Julius Igor Bella of Bridgeport, Conn., left May 16 for Europe, where he will represent the American Section of the Lutheran World Federation in Austria and Czechoslovakia. Sailing with him on the Marine Marlin were his wife and two children.

Dr. Bella, who will remain abroad for a two-year term, has been pastor of Holy Trinity Slovak Lutheran Church at Bridgeport since 1922, and president of the Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Zion Syod of the United Lutheran Church in America since 1937. During the 25 years of his ministry in this country, he was instrumental in having churches built in Danbury and Torrington, Conn., and in Hatfield, Massachusetts.

Son of a pastor, Dr. Bella was born in Czechoslovakia. He attended schools there, and also in Yugoslavia and Hungary, before coming to the U. S. He obtained his B. D. from Yale Divinity School in 1929 and his Ph.D. from Yale University in 1939. He also studide for a year at the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem.

Letterally Yours

Bible Lexicography

By Roger G. Imhoff

A PROPHET . . .

speaketh in the Name of the Lord
is not without honor, save in His own country,
cannot perish out of Jerusalem,
his word shall not perish,
is taken by the Lord.

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From Missionary Louis Bowers

Columbia, S. C., April 26, 1947

Dear Friends:

We are on our way back to Liberia for our third term. We will be counting on you to remember us before the throne of Grace thatt it may be the most fruiful term of any for His glory.

11:00 P. M., Wednesday, May 7, is the time for the take-off of Pan American Flight No. 150 from LaGuardia Field in New York. Unfortunately, the airport in Liberia has been closed and we can only fly as far as Dakar in French West Africa by Clipper. A French air line has a flight from Dakar through Monrovia every week, but they only save ttwo seats per fllight for the Monrovia stop. We are fine in our family, and two fellow missionaries will be in the party. We have requested, and pray for, a special permit for the group. Otherwise we may have to split up—but how to divided five by two is our puzzle!

For the major part of our furlough time we lived in Springfield, Ohio, where I was a special member on the faculty of Hamma Divinity School. Christitan fellowship is a wonderful thing at which we never cease to marvel, for we found the Christians in Springfield so very friendly and gracious and helpful. We have about decided that every place we go the Christians are a bit nicer than anywhere else. My main purpose at Springfield was to teach a course in missions at the Divinity School. 22 students elected the course. The Divinity faculty believe in missions. I also had the privilege of teaching Bible at Wittenberg College. What a challlenge to give an understanding of the Word of God to America's college youth. Besides teaching, I attended graduate courses and preached in a score of Ohio churches.

For the past two months we have been shopping,—for shoes, clothes, tools, radio transmitters, kitchen ranges, motorcycles, sound apparatus, soccer balls, organs, etc., and all of a quality to fit the tropics. It has meant respondence and interviews.
hours of street pounding, endless cor-

When we get back to Liberia (I'll have to be brief), pray for these things:

We want to make an effort to perfect our knowledge of the language. This past year our special linguistic missionary Dr. Welmers, has done intensive language preparation so that we all can learn much more quickly.

We will be living at a new substation, Totota, in an area opened to the Gospel only two years ago. Dozens of nearby villages have never yet heard of Christ.

We will be living again in a mud and thatch house with attending health dangers. We will have no missionary associates at Tobota, but we will be living on a motor road about 75 miles from Monrovia.

Our mission staff has almost doubled within 18 months and now numbers 30 missionaries. At annual conference we will be adopting a reorganization scheme which will make our work more "indigenous", and will better foster the growing Liberian Church. The nationals will begin to have a share in responsibility.

We are taking radio transmitters, secured from Army surplus, for our stations; so the old handicap of communication will be beaten,—we hope (that is, if we can work the radios and keep them working).

Two of our boys now, and next year all three, will be of school age and must be taught at home by Virginia. Since September they have been getting their first taste of American Public Schools and they thoroughly enjoy it.

Some of you we neither seen nor heard from for a long time. Won't you drop us a card, C/o the McQuilkins, 1311 Cambridge Lane, Columbia, S. C., just to say you still want to get the letter. We don't like to cut anyone from the list, but we have no way of knowing of your interest unless you tell us once in a while.

In His fellowship,
The Bowers

Address:

C/o American Lutheran Mission
Monrovia, Liberia, W. Africa
(Air Mail—25c; Ship Mail—5c)

We learned to know the Bowers family while Missionary Bowers was teaching and studying at Hamma Divinity School. Mrs. Bowers, Virginia in the letter, was unable to return with her husband because of an appendectomy, but hopes to join her husband soon. The children are also divided, two boys having gone on with their dad into the "jungle." How pale our consecration looks against the background of the missionary's selfless service! —Ed.

Dr. Theodore G. Tappert

professor in our Mt. Airy Seminary, has been representing the American Section of the Lutheran World Federation in Germany. He will soon return and his place will be taken by Rev. Martin O. Dietrich, pastor on leave from St. Michael's Zion Church, Philadelphia. He writes that he has been "appalled by what the people in Central Europe are getting to eat." To quote from his report issued through the NLC News Bureau:

"I have watched hard-working mechanics eating a lunch consisting of only two dry slices of bread," he wrote to Dr. Ralph H. Long, executive director of the National Lutheran Council. "I have watched refugees in railroad stations getting bowls of soup which looked like lukewarm water. I have eaten for several days on two different occasions with German clergymen, lunch of soup and dinner of potatoes and cabbage."

Realizing that his own observations and experiences were too limited, Dr. Tappert inquired of military men, American civilians, YMCA and UNRRA workers, displaced persons, and German civilians as to the food situation in Germany.

"All gave me the same answer," he said. "The food situation is more critical now than it has been in over a year. The harvest is expected to bring only temporary relief. Want of fertilizer, horses, agricultural machinery, and seeds, together with a late frost, combine to make the prospects discouraging. There are areas in which people have not had potatoes since February. The meager ration allowances are not actually available, for the supplies, especially of fat stuffs, are often exhausted before most of the people with their coupons reach the stores."

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There' an old legend about St. Patrick which we trust, will offend no one. Seems the good Saint, becoming unusually hungry one fast day, decided to have some pork chops. An angel caught him with the forbidden meat and St. Patrick promptly dropped it into a handy pail of water and said a prayer over the pail. Lo and behold, the chops were transformed into a couple of innocent looking trout! The angel somewhat puzzled, departed. To this day, "St. Patrick's Fish"—meat dipped in water —is eaten on fast days in Ireland. —Gates Hebbard.

Another Vacancy!

May 7, 1947

Dear Editor,—

We feel that Lutheran men should know of the passing on March 4th, 1947, of Brother Harry Keffer Bell, a founding member of Central Lutheran Church, Seattle, Washington and a charter member of its Brotherhood.

He was born September 1, 1879 in Latrobe, Pa. and came to Seattle with his family in June 1891. His family was influential in founding Holy Trinity Lutheran Church which later became part of Cenrtal Church. In 1908 the Brotherhood was organized by Dr. E. G. Lund and Mr. Bell served as an officer from the first. For many years he served on the church council always a source of strength to his pastors. Rev. H. Stanley Holman, present pastor of Central Church paid high tribute to his faithfulness. He leaves a widow, a daughter, two sisters and two brothers.

Sincerely yours
John H. Koenig, Secretary
Central Lutheran Brotherhood.

Such a record of faithful service well deserves a place in LUTHERAN MEN. *Thank you Mr. Koenig, for sending it. What an eloquent call comes to all Lutheran men when men as useful as Brother Bell are called away. Let us fill up the ranks. The work of the Kingdom must not falter.*
—Ed.

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Truth wins her battles in the open.
—E. W. Griffith.

Inner Mission

planning for Germany is included in the program for rebuilding German Lutheranism. The following news release from N.L.C. News Bureau speaks for itself.

A campaign for spiritual reconstruction in the three western zones of Germany has been launched along the lines of the great inner mission movement initiated by the famous J. H. Wichern in 1848, it was revealed here by Dr. C. G. Schweitzer, who has just come to Geneva from Eng- has been working with prisoners of war.

Inner mission work in Germany, Dr. Schweitzer pointed out, has functioned in three different ways:

1. Through charity work which cares for all kinds of needy people, such as the sick, cripples, orphans, old people, handicapped children, prisoners, former prisoners, sailors, vagrants, etc.

2. Through a program of evangelism called "Volksmission" (Home Missions) to all Christians with its appeal directed to the masses, whether they be workers or intellectuals.

3. Through "Oeffentliche Mission," that is, all missionary work which helps to influence public opinion, whether it be through the press, literature, radio, films, mass meetings, or legislation, etc.

"Conditions in Europe, especially in Germany, after this second World War, have made it necessary first to stress material aid since the Church cannot preach the Gospel for Jesus Christ to people with empty stomachs," Dr. Schweitzer said. "One sees one of the greatest and most essential expressions of the reality of the Ecumenical Church in the fact that it tries to help directly and indirectly through the German churches to overcome famine and other emergencies."

Dr. Schweitzer said that so far the aim of Hilfswerk in Germany, which was founded as an emergency agency soon after the nation's collapse, and was only loosely connected with the inner missions, has been to provide this material help.

"But," he added, "this should be supplemented by a vast spiritual reconstruction program on the lines of the 'Volksmission' as well as the 'Oeffentliche Mission."

An important step forward in this direction will be an institute set up by the "Central Ausschuss fur die Innere Mission der Deutschen Evangelischen Kirche," the president of which is Dr. Hanns Lilje, Bishop-elect of Hannover. The new institute will probably be built after the pattern of the work formerly done by the Johannesstift near Berlin.

Its main task will be to train full time church workers from both trades and professions to become lay preachers, and to provide short courses for laymen who will remain in their professions "but will be prepared to witness for their faith to their fellow professional men and women."

Dr. Schweitzer said it is hoped that candidates for this specialized training will be found among ex-soldiers and ex-officers, especially those who have been prisoners of war.

"The new institute will try to combine the teaching of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ with the best modern methods of approaching modern man," Dr. Schweitzer declared. For the present at least, these activities will be limited to the American, British and French zones of Germany.

LWA at Work in Holland!

Spiritual reconstruction needs of the Lutheran Church of Holland are discussed by Dutch leaders at a meeting in Rotterdam. Seated left to right, Dr. W. F. Lichtenauer, Pastor C. Delsman, Dr. J. P. van Heest, president of the Church, and Pastor C. G. Pel Standing, left to right, Dr. Th. Scharter, Mr. Stokvis, Dr. H. J. Jannus. Dr. van Heest and Pastor Pel will be delegates to the assembly of the Lutheran World Federation at Lund, Sweden this summer. The photo was taken by Dr. S. C. Michelfelder on a recent visit to Holland.

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News from Phila.!

Phila., Pa. May 10, 1947

Dear Editor.

At a recent meeting of the Brotherhood of the Philadelphia Conference I was elected Secretary and the President has just appointed me chairman of the Publicity Committee. As my first duty I would like to offer the enclosed contribution for publication in the next tissue of Lutheran Men.

Very Truly Yours
William D. Haring

On Monday evening April 28, 1947 the Brotherhood of the Philadelphia Conference held its Spring Rally in Immaunel Lutheran Church, 57th & Christian Sts.—One hundred eleven members and two visitors representing twenty-six churches of the conference were present. The address was delivered by Alexander J. Stoddard, Supt. of the Philadelphia Public Schools who spike on "The Japanese People Today". The following officers were elected and later in the evening regularly installed by the Rev. W. Chester Hill, President of Philadelphia Conference.

President William A. Ritter, Jr.; 1st Vice-President Harold L. Oberholtzer; 2nd Vice-Presidentt Herbert I. Punchard; 3rd VicePresident Emil

S. Scholtz; Treasurer Henry E. Distler; Secretary William D. Haring; Asst. Treasurer Henry S. Jacobs; Asst. Secretary Marlin L. Steely.; Executive Committee Philip C. Eisele, William R. Snell, William N. Weikel, Harold Reeves, William Knoll.

We are glad to receive reports of action from all sections of our ULCA Brotherhood. Publicity is important. It is one medium of Christian witness. —*Ed.*

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Nebraska's Thirtieth

Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska Rev. Fred M. Kern, pastor, was host to the 30th annual Brotherhood Convention of the Synod. 18 locals responded to roll call. Mr. Walter Kuenning, Auburn, reported on the Erie convention. The following officers were elected: President, Ben Meyer, Wayne; Vice-President, Will Hahle, Hampton; Secretary, Wm. J. Rogge, Auburn; Treasurer, Wm. Heuer Omaha. The retiring president Wm. F. Kedde was not eligible for reelection and was heartily commended for his long and successful service to the Brotherhoon of the synod and of the UCLA. An offering was taken for Boy Scout work in the UCLA after two local scouts had spoken for the boys. Resolutions commended Secretary Bader on the erection of a new headquarters building in Bethlehem. Special gratification was expressed by resolution for the presence of President F. C. Fry. A round-table discussion was conducted by Dr. Leland Lesher on "How to secure the most able leaders for the Lutheran Men ttopics?" and on "The $1. per capita dues." Reference was made to the splendid intr-synodical Brotherhood rallies held on the territory.

The above items were culled from the report of the retiring secretary, Arthur R. Johansen. —*Ed.*

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New England Conference

The Bridgeport Convention is now histtory. our president wishes to use this means of expressing his heartfelt gratitude to all of those brothers who helped make it the success that it was.Only one affiliated congregation was not represented, and one other had 1 delegate. All 11 others sent relatively full 5 man delegations.

The President's "Round Table" Conference.

This newly added session of the convention proved to be one of the very high lights of all three sessions and was nearly fully attended. Many questions were asked and much constructive information was given, not only by President Trexler, Vice Pres. McGrory and your own president, but by many of the officers who participated in the various informal and open discussions. Your president has several letters from officers who were present requesting that this be made a permanent part of future conventions.

The Afternoon Business Session

A very crowded agenda had to be disposed of at this meeting. A copy of the minutes and the presidents message will be mailed to all Pastors and Secretaries, just as soon as they can be prepared. It was decided that every Congregational Brotherhood read the president's message at their next meeting, so that EVERY brother may have the opportunity of learning, first hand, what is in the mind of your president and what part each individual ad Congregational Brotherhood can take in carrying out these plans.

The Testimonial Banquet To President Zeb B. Trexler

Aboutt 200 people gathered for this affair and disposed of 150 pounds of ham, 11 pounds of butter, 11 quarts of coffee cream, 250 blocks of ice cream to say nothing of the potatoes, corn, celery, pickles, rolls, radishes, cake etc., etc.

Zeb Trexler Speaks

And what a speech!!! One person told your president "I could have listtened to nim for another hour". A Pastor wrote "As to my reaction on Sunday evening, they were totally good. Everything was managed well, to move along. There was a well-balanced blending of the humorous and the serious. The spaker, Zeb Trexler, was unquestionably the bestt you've had in a long long ttime; he has solid stuff to give as well as a way which catchesh the interest of men".

Zeb Calls the Pastors

After bringing out the historical facts of some 13 different civilizations being totally exterminated in history —he warned us of the chance, thru atomic power and communistic trends, hat our own too can be exterminated—that our hopes must rest in Christianity, and that our Pastors ARE the key figures—that THEY MUST lead the way through true consecration and the examples they demonstrate, and only thru THEIR leadership can we build a powerful and effective Brotherhood in our Lutheran church, and thru the cooperative actions and unified strength of such an organization will we be able to preserve and advance our civilization, in the name of God. He also very emphatically showed how ALL LUTHERAN MEN must rally behind their leaders in harmony and unity if we are to get the maximum results from our Lutheran manpower.

Rev. John C. Dries proved a very capable toastmaster and his witty introductions were very well taken and appreciated. **Marty McGrory** lived up to his reputation as a "Fighting Irish Lutheran" to all of those who had the opportunity to hear him or talk with him.

For the benefit of all Brothers: I would like to add that the banquet, the 1st to be conducted under the management of the Conference organization showed less than a ten dollar profit, which is as it should be and as planned. It has been the hope of your president for some time, that every convention should pay its own way, or at least the bulk of the expenses connected with a convention —this was done—all bills are paid entirely from Convention Receipts, and the offering is still intact for the use of some worthy cause in the church, as you may decide. Since the expenses for this convention was higher than usual, it will no doubt be possible for your officers to reduce the price of our next Cnvention Banquet to probably two dollars, unless costs continue to mount.

President Woohlsen has distributed the above summary of the Spring Convention of his conference. It records the results of continuous, intelligent promotion on his part and fine cooperation from his official family. The Brotherhood program works wherever it is worked! —*Ed.*

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President Fry Writes

April 12, 1947

To the Brotherhood of the
Illinois Synod.

In these days of strain and peril the forces of God desperately need strengthening. A Christian man can enlist most effectively through his Church. Mere individual, random efforts are doomed to be scattered and feeble.

My dream for the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church is that it will increasingly muster the vigor of thousands of devoted men and channel them to a high achievement for God and perplexed humanity.

Faithfully yours,
Franklin Clark Fry

Brotherhoods have a sympathetic and understanding friend in President Fry. Let us help his dream come true. —*Ed.*

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Bible reading

was promoted first as a war-time project by the American Bible Society. The continued call for Scriptures, which reaches the American Bible Society from all over the world, is an encouragement in the shaping of its plans for the Fourth Annual Worldwide Bible Reading program from Tranksgiving to Christmas, according to Dr. James V. Claypool. Dr. Claypool is in charge of the promotion of this part of the society's work. The Bible Society is planning to contact not only church members in this country but many not now related to any church organization, enlisting them as daily readers in the program. The theme for 1947 "One World—One Book" will also be emphasized in the observance of Universal Bible Sunday, which occurs on December 14, and is a recognized feature of the Bible-reading program. The supplies for pastors will include bookmarks containing the Scripture passages and for especial use on Bible Sunday a brochure by Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, a poster and church bulletins. These materials will be available in September and may be secured by writing to the American Bible Society, New York 22.

The Executive Secretary's

MONTHLY MESSAGE

MR. EARLE W. BADER, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

Brotherhood Sunday . . . October 19th

Brotherhood Sunday will be observed on the third Sunday in October—October 19th—in the majority of the Lutheran and other Protestant churches throughout the United States and Canada.

The theme for the U.L.C.A. Brotherhood Sunday Service—**"MAKING MY LIFE COUNT"**—(Witnessing for Christ through Evangelism and Christian Stewardship (a) In my Home; (b) Church; (c) Brotherhood; and (d) Community—based on Matthew 5:16—should provide an interesting and profitable men's meeting. A 1947 Brotherhood Sunday packet will be mailed to the pastor and president of each men's organization in the U.L.C.A. This packet will include an attractive poster, sermon outline, 29th anniversary offering envelope, literature order blank and suggestions for 5-minute talks or addresses that may be given at your service. A 6-page Brotherhood Sunday program entitled **"MY LIFE"** with suggested hymns, scripture passage and dialogue will enable the members of your Brotherhood to put on a creditable Brotherhood Sunday service.

May we respectfully suggest that your Pastor and Brotherhood officers arrange for a conference regarding your Brotherhood Sunday service. You can also avoid disappointment by extending an early invitation to your guest speaker if you are planning to have one.

Please remember that a successful Brotherhood Sunday service will give you an opportunity to contact ALL of the laymen of your congregation and elist them in a new year of service for the Master.

Summer Projects

Let your Brotherhood assist in raising funds to provide a brief vacation for the under-privileged young folks of your congregation, in summer camps sponsored by the church or some other social agency. Your Brotherhood and other interested members of the congregation will want to help the members of your congregational Scout Troop in procuring uniforms, camping equipment and other necessities to boost the morale of the troop. Arrangements should be made for each Boy Scout to enjoy at least one week's vacation at a recognized Boy Scout summer camp or a weekend jamboree. Outdoor meetings to which nearby Brotherhoods may be invited provide an unusual opportunity for fellowship and wholesome recreation. Don't overlook the young boys in your congregation and community when you arrange your Brotherhood outings. They will appreciate your interest and will be benefitted by their association with the older men. Many Brotherhoods plan annual pilgrimages to historic churches and our Lutheran institutions during the summer months.

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Summary of 1947 Per Capita Dues Payments Report No. 2

California Synod 7 congregational payments	$147.00
Canada Synod Nothing to report	
Central Pennsylvania Synod 13 congregational payments	235.00
Florida Synod 3 congregational payments	56.00
Georgia-Alabama Synod 7 congregational payments	132.00
Illinois Synod 9 congregational payments	117.00
Indiana Synod 1 congregational payment	25.00
Iowa Synod 6 congregational payments	165.00
Kansas Synod 6 congregational payments	139.50
Kentucky-Tennessee Synod 13 congregational payments	236.25
Manitoba Synod Nothing to report	
Maryland Synod 20 congregational payments	555.00
Michigan Synod 3 congregational payments	59.00
Midwest Synod 8 congregational payments	187.00
Mississippi Synod Nothing to report	
Nebraska Synod 15 congregational payments	251.50
New York Synod 32 Congregational payments	812.50
North Carolina Synod 73 congregational payments	1887.00
Northwest Synod 14 congregational payments	404.00
Nova Scotia Synod Nothing to report	
Ohio Synod 7 congregational payments	188.00
Pacific Synod Nothing to report	
MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA 38 congregational payments	783.50
Pittsburgh Synod 18 congregational payments	307.00
Rocky Mountain Synod 1 congregational payment	22.00
South Carolina Synod 9 congregational payments	177.00
Texas Synod 17 congregational payments	345.00
Virginia Synod 12 congregational payments	222.00
Wartburg Synod 4 congregational payments	82.00
West Virginia Synod 6 congregational payments	91.00

N.B. 15 Synods reported 64 additional congregational dues payments under the former classified schedule amounting to $385.75.

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Convention Theme . . .

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Arrange now to attend this great meeting of Lutheran Men in Milwaukee next November.

"What Do WE Get Out of the Brotherhood?"

By Ralph J. Wohlsen

The live-wire president of New England Conference answers a question, too frequently asked. This clipping from his monthly Bulletin is worthy of a wider reading.

This question is occasionally asked, and you can depend on it, that whoever asks this question doesn't put very much *into* the Brotherhood. Like all organizations, the Brotherhood cannot *give* anything of itself. It like all others, can only *give* what you *put in.*

There is one notable exception, the Church of Christ. That is the only organization that gives "Man" more than he puts in. There's an old saying among salesmen—"Never Try to Sell a Town, That Has No Church Steeple." As bad as conditions seem in the world today, can you just visualize what conditions would be without Christian influence, what they would be if there never had been a Christ or a Christian church? All that *is* good in Russia is the result of its years of Christian influence that has withstood the attacks made to outlaw Christ and His church —China hah had only a small spattering of it. Would you trade your own home in your own town, and your own job for any Communistic tenement and job in Kirov, Russia, or bamboo shack in Ninghsien, China? Of course you wouldn't. Have you ever given *your church* credit for this difference? Would the small amount of money that you give to your church in a meagre 40 to 50 years of productive life ever pay for this peace of mind you enjoy every day, to say nothing of your church's teaching and leading you in a preparation for everlasting life. The church of Jesus Christ has *given* you all this. The Brotherhood is an auxiliary of that church. Christian influence, that is so much more needed today, can only be made more effective throughout our church, nation and world through Christian men properly organized to make their united voice heard, only by this means can these benefits be made permanent and increased.

We can only draw out of a bank, the amount that we *first of all put in,* and in most cases we must deduct for the services rendered, whereas what we put into Christ's Kingdom, is by His promise doubled and trebled. God never fails, and if you have never had that experience—then either you have never given it a fair trial, or else you have been blind to many of God's blessings, or else like many of us just credited it to Lady Luck. Just bear in mind that in your Brotherhood and in the bank you *must put it in first before you can expect to get anything out,* so let's all make up our minds right now to change the question to: *What can we put into the Brotherhood?* and start taking part in its full program: Reading LUTHERAN MEN, attending pilgrimages and conventions, reading this bulletin every month, working on local Brotherhood committees and encouraging and supporting your local, state, and national Brotherhood officers, then you too will experience what you get out of the Brotherhood.

Three Brothers

Martin A. McGrory, Field Secretary; Ralph J. Wohlsen, President N.E. Conference Brotherhood; Zeb B. Trexler, President ULCA Brotherhood. Attending the N.E. Conference.

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Percy: "Im stepping out in society tonight. I'm having dinner with the upper set."

Val: "The steak may be tough; better take the lower set, too."—Christian Union Herald.

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Neighbor: I hear your son is half back for the school football team.

Father: Yes, but he's even farther back in his studies.—Christian Index.

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Jimmy: "Daddy, what was the date of the Battle of Waterloo?"

Daddy: "I don't know."

Jimmy: "You don't know? And to think that tomorrow I shall be punished for your ignorance!"—Western Recorder.

Nine Scouts and Scouters of Calvary Lutheran Church, Spencer, North Carolina, who have received the Pro Deo et Patria Award

Pictured front row, left to right: Jerry Frick (Star), David Barker (Eagle), Bobby Earnhardt (Star), Bobby Rimer (Life); back row, left to right: Lloyd Fargis (Star, Assistant Scoutmaster), Terry Agner (Life), Bobby Moser (Eagle), Don Bingham (Eagle), Rev. Geo. Frederick Schott, Jr. (Eagle, Scoutmaster).

Lutheran Boy Scouts

• MR. EARLE W. BADER, Director
Boy Scout Committee of The Brotherhood of The U.L.C.A.
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DR. GEORGE A. EICHLER, Editor

Camping Season

is now at its height. We hope you have planned many camping activities for your Scouts. Those of you who are near to organized Scout and Church camps should send your boys to such camps for a week or two if at all possible. Encourage your boys who are Scouts to keep up their advancementt program while at camp. Most Church camps have trained Scouters on their staffs who will be glad to assist Scouts on their Scouting requirements. They might be willing to address a note to the Scoutmaster telling of the work done by the Scout.

Most of the work of Scouing should be done in the out-of-doors and some of the time spent at camp should be used for this purpose. Since the Scouting Program has gained a strong foothold in our Church, Scouts will be sure to find help readily in our Lutheran camps. Encourage your Scouts to ask for it.

Do not think that you have done enough when you have sent your Scouts to camp for a week in summer. You should have a year-round program of camping. Your boys should have at least ten days and ten nights of satisfactory camping experience every year. This means some camping during every season of the year. Each season being different from the others presents new experiences for the Scouts. Remember Scouting is Outing. Boys take to camping like a duck takes to water. Satisfying camping experiences will go a long way toward making your Troop successful.

Ten Questions for Scoutmasters . . . Do You

1. Operate your Troop on the Patrol System?
2. Train your patrol leaders well?
3. Encourage patrols to meet weekly?
4. Have as many outdoor meetings as possible?
5. Plan your programs carefully?
6. Take advantage of training courses?
7. Ask your Troop Committee to do definite work?
8. Give the Scouts a chance to work without too much interference on your part?
9. Take your troop on hikes frequently?
10. Ever give the arm chair test? (Sit down and observe if things go all right.)

Note to Scoutmasters—Make up your own list of ten things to do—for Scoutmasters, and send it to the Editor.

The Eleventh Scout Law

A Scout is Clean—Read Psalm 24
He keeps clean in body and thought, stands for clean speech, clean sport, clean habits, and travels with a clean crowd.

"An old proverb says, 'Cleanliness is next to godliness.' It is a virtue that indicates self-respect and strength of character. To keep one's body clean is to show that one is trying to take care of his health and strength, and that he has some pride in his personal appearance. To keep one's mind clean is important, because it is truly said, 'As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.' To keep one's soul clean is most important, because a tarnishen soul means a wasted and ruined life. Let us keep clean, for our own good and pleasure, and because of the influence for good this will give us with others."

Star Scout William Walton, member of Zion Lutheran Church, Tamaqua, Pa., received the Pro Deo et Patria Award at the Scout Sunday Church Service on February 9th, 1947.

Pictured front row, left to right are: Karl Wetterau, Commissioner of the Appalachian Trail Council, B.S.A.; Star Scout William Walton; H. G. Davis, Scout Executive, Appalachian Trail Council, B.S.A.; Pastor C. C. Schlitzer... Second row: Earle W. Bader, Director of the U.L.C.A. Brotherhood Boy Scout Committee Allen Williams, Scoutmaster Troop No 76; and Dean Louder, Field Executive, Appalachian Trail Council, B.S.A.

The Brotherhood In Action

● Departmental Editor, REV. CHARLES F. BROBST, S.T.M.
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Education at Brotherhood Meetings

The Brotherhood is the training ground for the men of the church. This makes the educational feature the most important.

I. The Purpose

1. The Brotherhood is to make our men intelligent members of the church. When a man knows his church, its teaching and its work, he will be interested. It is the ignorant who are the weak links in our congregational life.

2. The second purpose is to train the men. Information must be utilized and channeled into activity. While men are presenting the program they are receiving invaluable training that will be useful in other phases of church life.

II. The Procedure

1. A Topic Committee should be appointed.

2. Use your own men. Engage outside speakers sparingly. They may bring valuable information but it will not train the men.

3. Use the Brotherhood Topics as presented monthly in LUTHERAN MEN. They always appear a month in advance.

4. Use them for these reasons:

a. It saves time. Preparing your own topic material is often a burden, requiring more time, talent and material than is locally available.

b. It brings the right information to the men about their church.

c. It is prepared by outstanding, capable and church-wide leaders of the church.

d. They are adaptable to local conditions though prepared for congregations of the United Lutheran Church, Norwegian and Augustana Church. Material of a more local nature can always be added.

e. More than enough material is provided. It is also well outlined. Additional information is provided in a supplementary article.

III. The Preparation

1. The success of the meeting depends largely upon the preparation that is made. A poorly prepared topic does not command the interest and time of busy men.

2. The Topic Committee should lay plans weeks in advance and then carry them out faithfully.

3. Use as many men as possible. Timid men will more readily participate.

4. Sometimes a neighboring Brotherhood may be invited to present the topic.

IV. The Presentation

1. The chairman of the Topic Committee should have charge.

2. Allow about 30 minutes.

3. A general discussion should follow. After contributing something a man feels that his attendance was worthwhile.

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Lutheran Men in Bible Study Classes

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The Adult Class Working Against Delinquency

What's an adult church school class good for? What is its job? Is it sufficient for a class to study the Bible and try to build up personal piety in its members? I'm rather sorry so many classes call themselves Bible classes. Why? Don't I want the Bible studied? Oh yes, I'd like to see it studied and better known by all people. But studying the Bible alone isn't enough. We have to do more than study. And we ought to study more than the Bible—missions, church history, biography of great religious leaders, the program of the whole church, and the solution of the great problems which afflict society, in the light of Jesus' teachings.

Last month we looked at the causes of delinquency among young people. Is it enough to know the causes? Shall we then sit on the side-lines and let other people do all the civic work which is needed to prevent delinquency and to replace it with Christian faith and activities? Actually, men, we have a job. We can't escape the obligation to take an active part in solving this problem.

Taking Part in Education

An annual law observance day has helped many communities to teach children and adolescents about their responsibilities to society and helped them to understand how their government works. The co-operation of churches, schools, and other groups helps to make such a plan more influential. Who could be more helpful at this point than adult clases? The various agencies can have exhibits which will inform and inspire. Class members or the class officers can help arrange for an open house at police headquarters where young people can meet the community's officials and find out more about how the government is run. In some cities they have a boy mayor for a day and fill other positions with young people. This is a real educational project. Has your class ever had anything to do with such an undertaking?

The adult classes, along with young people's classes, and groups from other churches, can study the educational opportunities offered in the community and try to determine how well they are functioning. We ought to make sure that there is in the educational scheme a strong inspirational element which will furnish a desire to be good active citizens. Cold facts aren't enough to meet the need. Handicapped children and adolescents are not to be forgotten.

We churchmen ougt to give a lot of co-operation to the law enforcement officers. A mere mechanical or coldly official effort isn't sufficient. We can do a lot to make a safety campaign successful. We can emphasize the privileges and the obligations of the motorist, the duties of the walking public, the place of the bicyclists, and the difficulty of traffic problems. The backing of church groups will add dignity and will underscore Christianity's emphasis on the sanctity and value of life.

And why shouldn't adult classes help to establish neighborhood houses to provide more recreational activities? It is well known that where there are plenty of recreational facilities, under wholesome auspices, there is also little delinquency. And these activities need the guidance of Christian men and women.

Our groups can also take part in and give a push to a "big brother movement" to assist unfortunate youngsters, and help youngsters who have been in trouble to get a fresh start with the encouragement and backing of Christian people.

Christian Social Action

Officials need help in enforcing the law. Class groups can be of assistance. Law-enforcement cannot be a perfectly bald use of force and authority. We get the real thing only when we can generate some disposition on the part of people to respect the law and all that it represents. Who is more strategically situated than the church to help create that spirit. It's the very spiri of the church and of religion. Many hindrances which stand in the way of the law officers can be removed by church groups, if they have a will to do more than engage in talk.

Our groups can take a lively part in "citizenship and Americanization programs." Americanization can mean almost anything, depending upon who is talking about it. It is up to Christians to see that it is given a Christian character and direction. We can volunteer as speakers, teachers, and planners.

Many cities have had fine success with junior police organizations. They have rendered direct help, and they have had an educational value to the youngsters. Who ought to sponsor such activities? How many adult classes have done so?

If we are really interested in establishing Christian influences in our cities, rural communities, and local neighborhoods, we can do a lot. Oftimes we have the job of breaking down pagan influences before we can do much else. And we have always to be vigilant in regard to these sneaking influences. What about motion picture houses which glorify crime, the criminal, sex delinquency, and divorce? Since block-booking has been abolished, we are in a position to do more than ever before to insure good pictures for all ages. But we'll not get any improvement by sitting on a rocking chair. We must get after the exhibitors of pictures, create public sentiment, and see that bad pictures impoverish the box office receipts. Of course, we ought to make a polite and commonsense approach.

In a similar maner we can create pressure against all sports of vicious or questionnable amusements and against the sources of vice. But we have to recognize that efforts by fits and starts will not avail very much. The vicious elements are everlastingly on the job. And we dare do not less. We stand for something worthwhile, some thing worth all the effort, inconvenienct, and sacrifice we may be called upon to make.

Some of these things may, to some people, seem far-removed from developing Christian faith and life. But our first job is to make staunch Christian persons of ourselves, help others in the same direction, and with those preparations set out to cleanse our communities and our nation from all that is unworthy.

Topic of the Month

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Strengthening Christian Fellowship

Topic for August

By Mr. Knute Myklebust

Editorial Committee: Arthur H. Getz, Chairman; A. E. Iverson; C. Oscar Leonardson.

The author's earnest devotion and deep consecration to the work of Christ's Kingdom are reflected in these words which he wrote when he accepted the assignment to prepare the August Brotherhood topic: "Pray for me, that God may see fit to use me in bringing a message that will cause a closer walk with God and a greater love for Christ and fellow Christians."

Mr. Myklebust is a successful business man of Langview, Washington. His letterhead reads, "Myklebust's—A Friendly Institution." But Mr. Myklebust does not permit business to interfere with service of the church. Among his other Christian work he finds itme to serve as an officer of the Rocky Mountain District Brotherhood of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

AIM: To evaluate past fellowship activities of the congregation, and particularly of the Brotherhood; to discover the good and weak points in those activities; and to lay plans for improved fellowship activities during the ensuing year in the Brotherhood and throughout the whole congregation.

Suggestions for Use of Topic:

This month's topic may be divided into three parts, as indicated below. Each part may be introduced by a previously chosen leader who will take about five minutes to introduce his topic. After the three leaders have made their presentations thirty to forty-five minutes may be used for discussion, questions, and answers. Subject matter which may be used by leaders will be found in the topic material below.

1. The first leader may speak on "How can we strengthen Christian fellowship in the spiritual life of our congregation?" Brief attention may be devoted to
   a. The church services.
   b. The Sunday school.
   c. The Bible study and prayer meetings.
   d. The choirs.
   e. The Brotherhood.
   f. All other groups.

2. The second leader may speak on "How can we strengthen Christian fellowship in the social life of the congregation?" Brief attention may be devoted to the social programs of the following groups
   a. The congregation as a whole.
   b. The Brotherhood and other men's groups.
   c. Women's groups.
   d. The Luther League and other young people's groups.
   e. Children's groups.
   f. Mixed groups.

3. The third leader may speak on "How can we strengthen Christian fellowship in the recreational life of our congregation?" The following items may be treated briefly:
   a. The need of recreation for the welfare of human beings.
   b. The use of summer months for outdoor activities.
   c. The value of picnics, hikes, swimming, softball, fishing, boating, and other activities.
   d. A recreational program for young people and children during the winter months.
   e. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, and other activity programs.
   f. Basketball and baseball teams.
   g. Children's playgrounds, and equipment for children's play.
   h. The importance of play supervisors.

Knute Myklebust

Businessman - Churchman

An Alternative Procedure:

One leader may introduce the whole topic, using approximately fifteen minutes. Not less than thirty nor more than forty-five minutes should then be used for discussion. The best programs are always those where everybody has an opportunity to participate. But never permit the program to drag.

Worship

Hymn, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"—No. 286 C.S.B., or No. 248, P.S.H.

Scripture: Acts 2:41-47.

Free Prayer.

Hymn, "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"—No. 287 C.S.B., or 244 P.S.H.

Special Music.

The Topic

Fellowship is defined as "a mutual association of persons on equal and friendly terms; communion; partnership in something, especially ideas and sentiment held in common." But Christian fellowship is something much stronger and deeper. The true basis for Christian fellowship is set forth in the 17th chapter of John, and summed up in verse 21 where Jesus prays: "That they all (the believers) may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." In Malachi 3.16 we read. "They that feared the Lord spoke often one to another", conferring together, encouraging one another.

Love Inspires to Fellowship

Love is the greatest thing in the world, for in love toward God and fellowmen we find the source of every virtue. Love inspires the fullest fellowship. It brings us closest to God, and makes us partakers of his nature—his children and heirs. Love exerts the widest influence for good, and is the strongest motive for the upbuilding of character. Love makes those who possess this virtue free and equal.

When the right relationships exist between professing Christians, and particularly between those who are of the same household of faith, there are natural and spontaneous expressions of fellowship whenever they meet, whether for worship or social life, for work or for play.

To Jesus, Bethany must have been the most heavenly spot on earth. It was here that Jesus received the most hearty welcome; here that he experienced the sincerest love; here that he met the dearest friends. The friendships of Bethany, and the fellowship which Jesus there had with loved ones, should be an inspiration to Christians throughout all the centuries.

Fellowship and Suffering

The New Testament and church history show us that the early believers in Christ were bound together in an intimacy of fellowship and love which the world could not ignore. In fact the fellowship of the early Christians was one of the factors which made it possible for them to face persecution and death as martyrs.

Christian fellowship has always been at its best during persecution. During World War II the Christians who found themselves persecuted by Hitler and his Nazi Gestapo laid aside minor dicerences and joined hands and hearts in loving fellowship. Men and women went to death cheerfully as they united in singing hymns and praising their Saviour. In a Norwegian concentration camp ten young men spent the night before their execution praying, witnessing, and singing to the other prisoners, who listened outside the little opening in the death cell. Upon another occasion a dozen men joined hands and sang "A mighty fortress is our God" just befor the firing squad ended their lives.

Men, women, and children defied death in roder to maintain their Christian fellowship. The Word of God was precious to them. How strangely these conditions contrast with the conditions existing in most congregations in America, where only a handful of people feel the need of attending Bible study and prayer meetings. The same condition often pertains also in respect to Brotherhood meetings. Our lack of interest and concern is something to think and pray about.

Inclusive or Exclusive Fellowship

How broad should Christian fellowship be? Should it be confined to members of our own congregation? Should it include all who are of our Lutheran faith? Or should it be extended to all true Christians? What do we mean when we confess in the Third Article that we believe in the communion of saints? When Jesus prayed for the oneness of those who should come to believe in him, did he mean the organized church or the invisible church?

Where should we begin to strengthen Christian fellowship? How can I strengthen it? What can we do as a Brotherhood to create a warmer friendship among our own members? What can our Brotherhood do to strengthen Christian fellowship throughout the whole congregation?

A man attended church service in a strange city one Sunday morning. He was pleased to be met at the church door by a welcoming committee of three men and three women. After some warm handshakes and friendly smiles, the man was asked his name, where he came from, and what his occupation was. When the committe learned that he was a member of a well known service club he was escorted to a pew and introduced to a local member of the club. The local member did everything possible to make the man glad that he had come to that particular church. After services the visitor was invited to have lunch the next day with his new friend. Naturally the man had a kindly feeling toward that church, and a desire to go back there should he ever return to that city.

Projects to Promote Fellowship

1. Congregations which do not have welcoming committees might well appoint them. This could be a Brotherhood project.

2. Another year-round project would be to make a survey of the congregation to discover members without adequate transportation, and to assign them to members of the Brotherhood who have cars, or to other members of the congregation, if necessary, in order that these people with cars might bring them to church and to the social gatherings of the congregation.

3. Visit shut-ins and bring them tracts and other church literature. Conduct a short service of worship, and if you can, sing a song. Such moments are red-letter occasions in the lives of shut-ins, and they bring rich spiritual growth to the visitors.

4. Participate regularly in the Brotherhood Bible Class of Sunday school. If you do not have such a class in your Sunday school, help to organize one. Brotherhood Bible Classes are a great influence to keep the young men in Sunday school, and thus in church.

5. Offer to teach a Sunday school class. There are too few men teachers in most Sunday schools.

6. Conduct or attend fellowship retreats, with Bible study and recreational programs, and invite the younger men and older boys to attend when possible.

7. Co-operate in arranging picnics and outings for groups within the congregation—the Brotherhood, the Luther League, the Sunday school, and other groups. August is an ideal month for it.

8. Schedule fathers' and sons' picnics and outings. Plan the program to fit all ages.

9. Bring a load of children to Sunday school. Even parents who do not themselves participate in the life of the church are usually willing to have their children go, provided it does not cost them too great an effort. Some Brotherhoods hire buses to bring children who otherwise could not come.

10. Organize the Brotherhood to call on all members of the congregation to request them to bring a guest to church on a designated Sunday. Such "Guest Sundays" have been a success wherever tried. Brotherhood men should be at the service early to welcome all, especially the guests.

11. Sponsor a congregational banquet or social in honor of new church members. This provides a fine opportunity for fellowship and is frequently the means of gaining new members for the auxiliaries of the church. Christian fellowship is strengthened through the closer acquaintance, understanding, and friensdhip which are promoted.

12. Make a special effort to befriend men who are retiring and quiet. They are often hungry for someone to whom they can open their hearts.

13. Reinstate the old custom of our fathers, 40 or 50 years ago, when homes were the meeting places of friends for spiritual and social fellowship. In those days father loaded the whole family into the old sled, covered them with warm blankets and hot bricks, and drove many miles to visitt a friend or neighbor. Those were days of warm friendship and helpfulness. The children who participated in those experiences look back upon them as rich experiences of life. Unfortunately, in our day we are often so busy making a living that we do not have time to live.

Our age calls for speed and more speed—speed faster than sound. The human mind and body cannot stand this strain, and the result is that health is frequently imperiled. But the greatest damage of all is done to the spiritual life. There is no time for quiet reading of God's Word, for study and prayer. The family altar is neglected, or reduced to a mere matter of routine, and Christian fellowship is crowded out of life.

14. Take steps to help all members of the congregation to get to know each other more intimately, and to grow in appreciation of each other.

15. Sponsor special summer activities. August is an ideal time for outdoor activities which will enhance Christian fellowship.

16. Make plans for the following year's activities. Take an inventory of the fellowship activities of the past year and evaluate them as to their worth and success. Note the mistakes and unsuccessful ventures, and also the successes.

17. As fall approaches be on the alert for new church members among the new school teachers. Get the name and addresses of new teachers from the school clerk, and write to these teachers either before they leave home, or just as they arrive in your community, inviting them to attend your services. A personal call after the teachers arrive will build good will and help them to find the friends and fellowship for which they may be hungry as they come into a new community.

18. Increase the membership, and improve the fellowship, of the Brotherhood. In most congregations there are altogether too many men who are not members of the Brotherhood. Why not bring everyone of these uninterested men to at least one of the Brotherhood meetings as a guest? If the active members of the Brotherhood will organize and assign one or more names of the non-members to each active member, and if personal invitations are extended, much can be accomplished. If the visitors are met with a friendly handclasp, if they experience a warm fellowship, and if they enjoy a good program, many will join the Brotherhood. Care should be used in making the assignments. The right party calling may decide the outcome. Most Brotherhoods which will give this plan a serious try, will find that their membership can be doubled in a year.

Topics for Discussion

Cf. the suggestions above, under the heading, "Suggestions for Use of Topic."

Assignment of the Project for the

Cf. the article, "Who Are Our Leaders," immediately following.

Closing Worship

Hymn, "Almighty God! Thy Word Is Cast"—No. 432 C.S.B., or No. 318 P.S.H.
Prayer, including the Lord's Prayer.
Benediction.
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Who Are Our Leaders?

Project for the September Meeting?

The September Brotherhood topic will be, "Providing Leadership in "Parish Education". But what do we mean by parish education? How extensive is this program in our congregation? Who are the leaders in this program?

Everything which is done in the local congregation to win souls for the Kingdom of God or to nurture Christian faith and life is a part of the program of parish education. According to this definition parish education includes practically the entire program of the congregation—the Sunday school, the Brotherhood, the Women's Missionary Sociey, the Luther League or other young people's organization, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, choirs, catechetical classes, and many other groups. The vast program carried on by these groups requires an extensive leadership, and this leadership should be the very best that is available in the congregation. Who are the leaders in parish education in **our** congregation?

In preparation for next month's topic a committee of three should be appointed to prepare a list of the congregation's leaders. The list should be made as complete as possible. It might be prepared under the following headings: Name of Leader—Position Held—Responsibilities of Office

The list might include members of important committees as well as officers of organizations. The value of this project will lie not only in calling attention to who the congregational leaders are, but especially in imparting information about the tasks performed by these leaders. Perhaps the committee will want to mimeograph and distribute its findings. Under any circumstances the committee should present its report at the September Brotherhood meeting.

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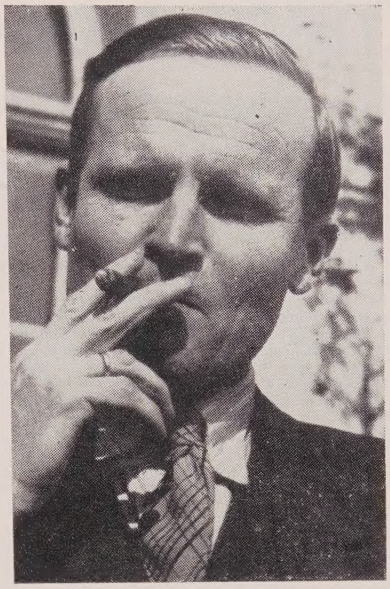

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